GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PS - PR&RD Dept. –RWS&S-Visakapatnam District- Irregularities in execution of "CPWS Scheme to 127 habitations in Mungapaka and Parawada mandals in Visakapatnam District"- Disciplinary proceedings against Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges - Orders - Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig. VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 432 Dated: 09-05-2016

Read:

From the DG, V&E, VR No.64 (C.No.665/ V&E/ E2/ 2012), Dt.10.09.2015.

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the Article of Charges framed against T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram is enclosed(Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram is directed to submit a Written statement of her defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S,Vizianagaram is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex parte.

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6. Attention of Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matter pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S,Vizianagaram is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(p.t.o)

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Visakapatnam
through Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Hyderabad.
The Engineer in Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad. (with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE - I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Smt T.Gayatri Devi the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam and presently working as ExecutiveEngineer. RWS&S, Vizianaciaram

CHARGE1:

That Smt T.Gayatri Devi, while working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam has committed certain irregularities duly allowing the inferior quality of M-30 Grade concrete for-side wall of Clari-Flocculator which is liable for rejection by colluding with her field staff, due to which an amount of Rs.5,54,166/- (Rs.2,14,819/- + Rs.3,39,347/-) caused loss to Government exchequer for the work "CPWS Scheme to 127 habitations in Munagapaka and Parwada mandals"

CHARGE2:

That Smt T.Gayatri Devi, while working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnarn has (i)failed to recover the seigniorage charges based on the new rates. (ii) failed to deduct the seigniorage charges for the earth work items as well as sand filling in the trenches from the running bills and there by an amount of Rs.16,32,965/- caused loss to Government exchequer.

Thus Smt T.Gayatri Devi, the then Executive Engineer, by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened the rules 3(1) &3(2) of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules,1964.

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ANNEXURE II

Statement of Imputations of Misconduct in support of the Articlie of Charges framed against T.Gayatri Devi the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianaciaram

Charge I:-

As per theGeneral Administration(V&E) Department Vigilance Report No. 64 (C.No.665 /V&E /E2/2012), dt.10.09.2015, the V&E Officials reported that, Smt T.Gayatri Devi, while working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam has committed certain irregularities duly allowing inferior quality of M-30 grade concrete for side walls of Clari-Flocculator and made payments to the work "CPWS Scheme to 127 habitations in Munagapaka and Parwada mandals" by colluding with her field staff.

When the V&E Department conducted tests side wall of ClariFlocculator is ranging from 15.1 to 18.8 N/mm^2 against the required strength of 22.50 N/mm^2 and the average strength achieved is 16.56 N/mm^2 thereby failed to satisfy the required strength as per clause 17.4.3 of IS:456:2000. The concrete cores were taken on the cylindrical wall of Clari-Flocculator at 0.30 mt below the joint portion. As per the SP 241983 Clause 16.4 in practice it is usual to secure three no.of cores and average the strength results. Otherwise further core tests may be carried out or a load test to be conducted.

The verification agencies cannot go on extracting the cores from the concrete member, till the satisfactory results are achieved and as per clause 17.4.1 of IS: 456-2000 the no.of cores required. But, she failed to do and made payment thereby an amount of Rs.3,39,347/- loss to Government.

It is further mentioned in the Vigilance report that Smt T.Gayatri Devi, Executive Engineer has allowed and made payment for inferior quality of M-30 Grade concrete. As per the sanctioned estimate data for M-30 Grade concrete, cement quantity of 441.60 kg/cum was proposed, but the design mix for M-30 Grade concrete obtained from Andhra University college of Engineering, Visakhapatnam is 391 kg/cum only. The payment were made for 923 cum of concrete without revising the actual cement quantity utilized as per design mix. Thereby an amount of Rs.2,14,819/- is caused to loss to Government exchequer.

ChargeII:-

As per the General Administration (V&E) Department Vigilance Report No.64(C.No.665/V&E/E2/2012), dt. 10.09.2015, the V&E Officials reported that, Smt T.Gayatri Devi, while working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam has recovered the Seigniorage charges based on the old rates for sand at Rs.36/- per cum & metal at Rs.45/- per cum instead of revised seigniorage charges for sand & metal at Rs.40/- & Rs.50/- per cum respectively.

Further, the V&E Officials also reported that, she failed to deduct the seigniorage charges for the items such as earthwork excavation for foundation of structures and pipeline trenches to the extent of 59907.58 cum and sand filling in pipeline trenches to the extent of 6077.81 cum. And thereby and there by an amount of Rs.16,32,965/- caused loss to Government exchequer.

From this it is evident that she has shown Gross negligence towards her Legitimate Duties, lack of integrity, and conduct unbecoming a Government servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE - III

List of the documents by which the Article Charges framed against Smt T.Gayatri Devi the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram

Govt Memo.No.14845/Vig.I/2015, dt.03.03.2016 of PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., along with Vigilance Report No.64 (C.No.665/ V&E/E2/2012), dt.10.09.2015 of the GA(V&E) Department.

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ANNEXURE - IV

List of witnesses by which the Article Of Charges are framed against Smt.T.Gayatri Devi the then Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Visakhapatnam and presently working as Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Vizianagaram

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